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Applicants : T. HAYASHIDA et al.  
Serial No. : 10/578,145  
Filed : May 3, 2006  
For : HOT ROLLED STEEL SHEET EXCELLENT IN  
CHEMICAL CONVERTIBILITY AND METHOD OF  
PRODUCTION OF SAME

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**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116**

S I R:

Entry of the present amendment and reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 28, 2008.

A petition for an extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action accompanies this amendment.